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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR IN
PARIS

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1. MORNING JAN. 24 ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE,
HAILOU WOLDE-GIORGHIS, CALLED CHARGE AND ASKED FOR
MEETING SAME AFTERNOON. DURING AFTERNOON SESSION WITH
CHARGE AND EMBOFF, HAILOU SAID REASON FOR HIS VISIT
WAS "PERSONAL AND PRIVATE" AS HE HAS DECIDED NOT TO
RETURN TO ADDIS ABABA. HE AND FOUR OTHER ETHIOPIAN
AMBASSADORS ARE BEING RECALLED FOR CONSULTA-
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TIONS AND HAILOU AFRAID FOR HIS PERSONAL WELL-BEING.
HE ASKED IF CHARGE COULD ARRANGE A POSITION FOR HIM
WITH AN AMERICAN COMPANY WHICH OPERATES IN AFRICA AS
HE HAS MANY SENIOR GOVERNMENT CONTACTS. HAILOU SAID
HE REMAINING IN THE ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY UNTIL THURSDAY,
JANUARY 26, AND THEN WILL MOVE INTO PRIVATE RESIDENCE
IN PARIS. HAILOU SAID HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF A

"NATIONALIST" AND HIS TWO YEARS HERE AS AMBASSADOR HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT. HAILOU ADDED THAT HE IS FINANCIALLY NOT SOLVENT AND HIS DECISION WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM AND FAMILY.

2. COMMENT: HAILOU POISED BUT NERVOUS AND DECISION WAS OBVIOUSLY A DIFFICULT ONE FOR HIM. HE MENTIONED THAT HE WAS ON ADVISORY COUNCIL AFTER FALL OF THE EMPEROR AND THEREFORE ASSOCIATED WITH THE DERGUE. HE WISHED TO KEEP HIS DECISION TO REMAIN IN FRANCE LOW-KEY. AFTERNOON JANUARY 24 AFP BULLETIN CARRIES STORY OF HAILOU'S DECISION TO GIVE UP POST AS AMBASSADOR AND TO REMAIN IN FRANCE TO DO RESEARCH ON ETHIOPIA. FLAVOR OF AFP ITEM SHOWS HAILOU DESIRES TO GO OUT OF "FRONT DOOR" RATHER THAN MAKE HIS DEPARTURE AN UNPLEASANT BREAK WITH THE REGIME.
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